



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Arlene RAMSINGH *et al.*

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For: COXSACKIEVIRUS B4 EXPRESSION
VECTORS AND USES THEREOF

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PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, the time for responding to which has been extended 3 months with the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and fee (via *deposit account*). Also submitted herewith is a Declaration of Arlene Ramsingh Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 ((the "Ramsingh Declaration") which is a "Katz-type" declaration directed to the noninventive role of co-authors of papers on which the named inventors were also authors.

The pending claims, claims 1, 3-18 and 20-36 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendments and discussion are offered in response. The amendment will moot several grounds of rejection. Reconsideration of the pending rejections is respectfully requested, as is entry of this paper.

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the fact that this case has been transferred to a different representative, and that the appropriate Revocation and New Power of Attorney forms are attached, along with the new correspondence address and Customer Number and new Attorney Docket Number. The Office is requested to enter this information into its computer system as soon as possible to avoid delays due to misaddressing of future correspondence.